Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 8.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE.

When he gained the other side of the field the factor, instead of the path which led to his own house, turned to the right and entered on a common whose bare bleak surface stretched away in front till it terminated in a belt of dark firs, the outskirts of a large plantation. About half way towards the wood, and situate almost in the centre of the desolate common, was a small clay-built house, and it was to this place that O'Brady directed his steps.

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When he knocked at the closed door, a rough voice from the interior cried 'Come in,' a summons which the factor at once obeyed by pushing up the door, and entering the only apartment of which the cabin could boast.
The place had but one occupant at the moment, a dirty, thick-set, sandy-haired man, who lay half-asleep on a bundle of straw, but who gathered himself up as the factor passed the thresh-hold.
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'Are you alone, Mike?' asked the visitor, glancing round the appartment.

'I was till you came,' returned Mike.
'The boys are out for a bit o' divarison.'

'All the better for what P've got to say. I needn't ask you if you love Michael Cushaleen.'

'Faix I have small cause. anyhow,' growled Mike. 'Wasn't it him and his son Terry that swore again us, and sent us to the tread mill.'

'So it was, and wouldn't you serve them out for it now if ye got the chance?' 'There's nothing but the ould man,' returned Mike. 'And I'm thinking that he has been served but mighty well by yourself Norah lies at the bottom of the black pool, and Terry is—

'Is come back to Dundarra,' said the factor, with a significant nod. 'He passed me on the road just now, and had the impudence to insult me because he has brought home four thousand pounds worth of gold dust.'

'Oh, murther,' exclaimed Mike.—'Four thousand pounds. He'll set ould Michael up like a prince.'

'Wouldn't you like a share of the gold?' asked O'Brady, in a low tone.— It would take you and the boys out of a mean dirty cabin like this, and make gentlemen of you.'

'Toth and it would,' said Mike, as his eyes twinkled rapidly. 'But how is a share of it to be come by?'

'Easily enough, as I will show you; only for the information I must have the half of it, that you must promise.'

'Och, wid all the pleasare in lfe, answered Mike. 'That's two thousand a piece. Thunder an ouns! if so much gold dust is to be had in Ireland, Mike O'Rafferty would be the biggest fool alive to go to Californey to seek it.'

'Well, listen—'

'Wid all my heart and soul,' interrupted Mike.

'Perry left the packet in the bay, and came ashore in a boat; but his luggage.

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'Well, listen—?

'Weld all my heart and sonl,' interrupted Mike.

'Terry left the packet in the bay, and came ashore in a boat; but his luggage went on to Youghal, and the carrier will bring it the day after to-morrow. What more aisy than for you and the boys to meet him at the Gap o' Coil in your White Boy dress, and make off with Terry's boxes from the cart. You can easily bury them under the turf some, where till convenience sarves for us to get the dust converted into cash.'

Mike reflected for a moment or two, and as he did so his eyes twinkled more rapidly than ever.'

'Faix, and it's just as aisy a thing to do as swallow a pratie;' he said. 'I and my boys will manage it nate and handy, and none will guess where the boxes have gone to'

The factor rubbed his hands and grined. By this lucky stroke he would gratify his revenge, and at the same time add a splendid sum to his private coffers. He would also deprive Terry of all power of annoyance. Truly Jacob O'Brady had cause for great sais faction of heart.

This little business being settled, he took leave of Mike, promising to call in three days to make arrangements for the disposal and division of the booty.

Mike watched his retreating form till it grew small in the distance.

'Maybe ye think I'm fool enough to keep my bargain,' he muttered. 'By the powers, then Mister O'Brady, but you'll find yourself mightily mistaken.—Four thousand is just as aisy to keep as two, and it will go a thundering sight further. So if you finger a farthing of the Dental Association of the Province of the Dental Association

the powers, then Mister O Brady, but you'll find yourself mightily mistaken.—Four thousand is just as asisy to keep as two, and it will go a thundering sight further. So if you finger a farthing of it, ould Mike O'Rafferty will have lost his senses, that's all.'

While this plot was being laid tor Terry's ruin, he and Hargreave were proceeding towards the village of Dundarra; but before reaching it Terry was desained to meet another acquaintance by the wayside. As the companions walked on, talking over the interview with O'Brady, Terry suddenly stopped in the middle of a sentence, and stood stock still.

Hargreave looked at him, then following the direction of his eyes, he saw an old man digging at the roots of a hedge, not many yards from the road.

After gazing earnestly a few moments,

After gazing carnestly a few moments, Terry bounded like a madman over the fence, and flying to the man, who did not see him, caught him in his arms, and danced wildly round and round with him.

'Oh, murther, murther! Is it to kill me ye mane: zive over shaking my noor

me ye mane; give over shaking my poor culd body,' exclaimed the astonished

Down with that,' cried Terry, snatching the spade from the other's hand.—
'Niver a spade ye'll touch again for hire

Half in wonder, half in alarm, the old man looked into the face of his assailant. There was a quick start, a keen momentary glance, then a great cry of—
'Terry, oh Terry, my son, my son!' and old Michael and the stalwart youth very fondly locked in each other's arms.

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